

## CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A decorative holiday picture frame cover, for use in  
conjunction with an existing picture frame, for temporarily  
5 attaching onto the picture frame to give it the appearance of  
a wrapped gift, said picture frame having a front, a rear,  
sides, and a window that is defined by a border that extends  
inwardly at a substantially uniform width from the sides,  
wherein an existing picture is displayed through the window  
10 and is matted by the border, , and comprising:

a front panel having a periphery, the front panel having  
the appearance of gift wrapping paper, for spanning across  
and fully obscuring the window as well as the border of the  
15 picture frame after the picture frame cover has been  
installed onto the picture frame;

side panels attached to the periphery;

20 a bow affixed to and centered upon the front panel; and

a stretchable rear edging extending inwardly from the  
side panels, behind the front panel, and having a peripheral  
border, wherein the rear edging selectively stretches to  
25 conform to the contours and thickness of the picture frame in  
order to be fitted onto the picture frame, and wherein the  
peripheral border selectively rests against the rear of the

frame to hold the front panel snugly against the front of the frame.

2. The decorative holiday picture frame cover as recited in  
5 claim 1, wherein the bow has a blinking light, and the frame cover has a music player for playing holiday theme music.

3. The decorative holiday picture frame cover as recited in  
claim 2, wherein the blinking light and the music player are  
10 selectively activated by a sensor chosen from a group of sensors consisting of a motion sensor and a sound sensor.

4. The decorative holiday picture frame cover as recited in  
claim 3, wherein the stretchable rear edging comprises a  
15 material chosen from a class of materials including spandex, elastic, and stretchable cotton fabric, in order that it may conform to the dimensions of the particular picture frame it is being used to cover.

20 5. The decorative holiday picture frame cover as recited in claim 4, wherein the front panel of the decorative picture frame cover is substantially rectangular, in order that the frame cover may be readily fitted onto a substantially rectangular picture frame.

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6. The decorative holiday picture frame cover as recited in claim 5, Further comprising a backlighting bulb, located

behind the front panel, and wherein the front panel becomes substantially transparent when backlit, such that the backlighting bulb may be selectively activated so that the picture within the frame is viewable through the front panel.

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7. A method of temporarily giving an existing picture frame the appearance of a wrapped gift, said picture frame having a front, a rear, sides, and a window that is defined by a border that extends at a substantially uniform width inwardly from the sides, wherein an existing picture is displayed through the window and is matted by the border, said method utilizing a decorative holiday picture frame cover having a front panel, at least one side panel, a bow affixed to and centered upon the front panel, and a stretchable rear edging extending inwardly from the at least one side panel behind the front panel, said rear edging having a peripheral border, said method comprising the steps of:

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covering the picture frame with the picture frame cover by spanning the front panel across the front of the picture frame with the side panels substantially aligned with the sides of the picture frame, and stretching the rear edging so that it extends behind the picture frame, thereby causing the peripheral border of the rear edging to rest flush against the rear of the frame, and the front panel to fit snugly against the frame front without actually affixing or adhering to the picture frame;

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removing the picture frame cover from the picture frame  
after the holiday season, by pulling the cover off the frame,  
by pulling the front panel upwardly and away from the frame,  
5 so that the rear edging disengages the picture frame sides;  
and

storing the frame cover until needed for the next  
holiday season.

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8. The method as recited in claim 7, wherein the picture  
frame cover further has a blinking light positioned in  
proximity to the bow, a music player, and a motion sensor in  
communication with the blinking light, wherein the step of  
15 covering the picture frame is followed by the step of  
activating the blinking light and music player by the sensor  
detecting motion.

9. The method as recited in claim 7, wherein the picture  
20 frame cover further has a blinking light positioned in  
proximity to the bow, a music player, and a sound sensor in  
communication with the blinking light, wherein the step of  
covering the picture frame is followed by the step of  
activating the blinking light and music player by the sound  
25 sensor detecting sound.

10. The method as recited in claim 7, wherein the picture  
frame has a support arm for selectively supporting the frame  
upon a horizontal surface, wherein the step of covering the  
picture frame is preceded by the additional step of pivoting  
5 the support arm away from the rear of the picture frame, in  
order that the support arm will not be covered by the rear  
edging.

11. The method as recited in claim 7, wherein the picture  
10 frame cover has a backlighting bulb located behind the front  
panel, and wherein the step of covering the picture frame is  
followed by the step of viewing the picture through the front  
panel by illuminating the backlighting bulb.

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